

A New and Improved Michigan Week

The first HAL-sponsored Michigan Week, which took place May 18-27, was a hit. HAL took on the program in late 2001 and enhanced the decades-old celebration with new features, such as a brown-bag-lunch series and a state government information exhibit and career fair. Michigan Week got off to a great start, with a kickoff featuring Celebrity Chair Ernie Harwell and the presentation of the prestigious John B. Swainson Awards. The festivities continued with an awards luncheon sponsored by the Marshall Rotary Club, a tribute to the volunteerism and community spirit of individuals and groups around the state. The career fair sponsored by the Department of Civil Service drew 1,803 attendees over three days. The brown-bag-lunch series, which included music, lectures and storytelling, focusing on Michigan's maritime heritage, was also well attended.

Building on the success of its inaugural effort, HAL looks forward to an even better Michigan Week 2003! Later this year, check out our Web site at www.michigan.gov/hal for Michigan Week 2003 information.



Song of the Lakes



Rep. Rich Brown and Swainson Award recipient Ralph Raffaelli (right)



Kitty Donohoe



Ernie Harwell (left) and HAL Director William Anderson

The Long Elementary School (Dearborn) choir poses with Ernie Harwell (below)



Sen. Martha Scott and Swainson Award recipient Frank Rembisz



Storyteller Jenifer Strauss